

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TOKYO 12353 250945Z

14

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-15

USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-13 OMB-01 AID-20 TRSE-00 DRC-01

/140 W

----- 054145

R 250850Z SEP 73

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7002

INFO CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TOKYO 12353

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT JA

SUBJECT: DIET PASSES DEFENSE AND TSUKUBA UNIVERSITY BILLS

REF: TOKYO 12291

SUMMARY: OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVING EXHAUSTED STOCK OF DELAYING TACTICS, LDP SECURED PASSAGE OF DEFENSE BILLS AND TSUKUBA UNIVERSITY BILLS IN DIET ON SEPT 23 AND SEPT 25 RESPECTIVELY. AS PRACTICAL MATTER, DIET SESSION HAS ENDED.

1. LDP FINALLY SECURED PASSAGE OF DEFENSE BILLS (SEPT 23) AND TSUKUBA UNIVERSITY BILL (SEPT 25) IN DIET DESPITE VARIOUS DELAYING TACTICS EMPLOYED BY OPPOSITION (REFTEL). ALTHOUGH DIET OFFICIALLY ENDS SEPT 27, AS PRACTICAL MATTER, PASSAGE OF THESE BILLS MARKS END OF 280 DAY SESSION WHICH HAS DRAGGED ON SINCE LAST DECEMBER.

2. AS MATTER OF COURSE, LDP MAJORITY DEFEATED NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION DIRECTED AGAINST TANAKA CABINET

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TOKYO 12353 250945Z

ON SEPT 22. IN SUBSEQUENT HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS PLENARY

SESSION, OPPOSITION INTERPELLATORS STRESSED SAPPORO DISTRICT COURT DECISION FINDING JSDF UNCONSTITUTIONAL. PRIME MINISTER TANAKA AND JDA DIRECTOR YAMANAKA RESPONDED BY REASSERTING GOVERNMENT POSITION THAT SDF WAS CONSTITUTIONAL AND DECLARING THAT MAJORITY OF JAPANESE PEOPLE DID NOT SUPPORT COURT DECISION. WHEN OPPOSITION QUESTIONERS HAD EXHAUSTED TIME ALLOTTED FOR INTERPELLATION, DEFENSE BILLS WERE VOTED INTO LAW BY LDP, WITH ALL REFORMIST PARTIES VOTING AGAINST THEM.

3. ALTHOUGH THEY HAD USED UP TACTICAL DEVICES FOR FURTHER PARLIAMENTARY DELAY AND ALTHOUGH PASSAGE OF TSUKUBA UNIVERSITY BILL HAD BECOME CERTAIN, OPPOSITION PARTIES TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF TIME ALLOCATED FOR DEBATE TO PROLONG PROCEEDINGS FOR TWO MORE DAYS AFTER DEFENSE BILLS APPROVED. ON SEPT 25, HOWEVER, HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS VOTED UNIVERSITY BILL INTO LAW, GAIN WITH ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES VOTING NO.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH TWO DAYS TECHNICALLY REMAIN, IN FACT, LONGEST DIET SESSION ON RECORD HAS ENDED, APPARENTLY MUCH TO RELIEF OF WEARY MEMBERS AND PUBLIC. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, LEGISLATIVE RECORD FOR TANAKA CABINET IN TWICE-EXTENDED DIET SESSION IS NOT VERY IMPRESSIVE. HOWEVER, FACT THAT LDP WAS ABLE TO OUTLAST DOGGED REFORMIST OPPOSITION AND SECURE PASSAGE OF KEY BILLS SHOULD ACCRUE TO BENEFIT OF BOTH GOJ AND LDP. COMING OUT OF THIS PROTRACTED PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE SKIRMISHING, LDP LEADERSHIP MUST NOW DECIDE WHETHER TO CALL EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TO HANDLE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET AND OTHER PENDING LEGISLATION OR TO WAIT TO DO SO IN REGULAR DECEMBER SESSION. SHOESMITH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LAW, CENTRAL LEGISLATURE, OPPOSITION PARTIES, MEETINGS, MILITARY PLANS, UNIVERSITY EDUCATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 SEP 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: collinp0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973TOKYO12353
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730911/aaaaahog.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: TOKYO 12291
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: collinp0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 NOV 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <15-Nov-2001 by elyme>; APPROVED <04 MAR 2002 by collinp0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DIET PASSES DEFENSE AND TSUKUBA UNIVERSITY BILLS
TAGS: PINT, JA, LDP
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005